

LIVESTOCK

CATTLE

All cattle inventory as of January 1, 2004, was 380,000 head, down 25,000 head or 6 percent from the January 1, 2003, inventory. The inventory value for cattle was estimated at \$254.6 million, up 5 percent from the 2002 value of \$243.0 million. Value per head averaged \$670, up from the \$600 in 2002. The 2003 calf crop was 185,000 head, down 5,000 head from 2002. All cows that have calved, at 200,000 head, was down 10,000 head from 2003. Beef production for 2003 totaled 118.0 million pounds liveweight, down 3 percent from the 2002 production of 122.0 million pounds. Marketings totaled 145.0 million pounds, down from the 2002 production of 145.6 million pounds. The average price per hundredweight in 2003 was \$56.90 for cattle and \$81.70 for calves, compared to \$53.50 and \$74.00, respectively, in 2002. Value of production increased 1 percent from the \$67.9 million in 2002 to \$68.7 million in 2003. The gross income, including home consumption, totaled \$95.6 million, an increase of 9 percent from the 2002 value of \$88.0 million.

HOGS AND PIGS

Hog and pig inventory as of December 1, 2003, totaled 10,000 head, down 2,000 from 2002. The inventory value was estimated at \$690,000, down 22 percent from the revised value of \$888,000 for 2002. The pig crop totaled 18,500 head, up 6 percent from the 2002 total. Pork production for 2003 was 5.0 million pounds, an increase of 25 percent from the revised 2002 production of 4.0 million pounds. Marketings of 3.7 million pounds during 2003 were 17 percent above the revised 2002 total marketings of 3.1 million pounds. The average price per hundredweight was \$36.10, up from the 2002 price of \$32.00. The value of production was \$1.8 million, 41 percent above the 2002 revised value of production of \$1.3 million. The gross income from hog production, including home consumption, totaled \$1.8 million, an increase of 34 percent from the 2002 revised value of \$1.4 million.

SHEEP AND LAMBS

Sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2004, was estimated at 34,000 head, down 3,000 head from the revised inventory of 37,000 head on January 1, 2003. The inventory value, at \$3.7 million, was up slightly from the revised value in 2002. Value per head averaged \$109.00, up \$9.00 from 2003. The 2003 lamb crop totaled 33,000 head, unchanged from 2002. Sheep and lamb production for 2003 totaled 2.4 million pounds, down 1 percent from the revised 2002 production. The average price per hundredweight was \$31.40 for sheep and \$90.60 for lambs, compared to \$25.30 and \$77.00, respectively, in 2002. The value of production totaled \$1.7 million, up 9 percent from the previous year. The gross income, including home consumption, totaled \$2.1 million, up 18 percent from the revised gross income of \$1.8 million in 2002. Sheep shorn in 2003 totaled 28,000 head, down 2,000 head from the revised 2002 shorn at 30,000 head. The average fleece weight was 5.7 pounds, giving a production of 160,000 pounds, down 11 percent from the revised 2002 production of 180,000 pounds. The average price per pound for wool was 28 cents, up 6 cents from the previous year. Value of production totaled \$45,000, up from the revised value of \$40,000 in 2002.

MILK

The average number of dairy cows in West Virginia during 2003 was 15,000 head, down 1,000 head from 2002. The total milk produced was 222 million pounds, down 9 percent from the 243 million in 2002. There were 219 million pounds marketed, down 9 percent from the 240 million pounds in 2002. Cash receipts from the milk marketed totaled \$28.0 million, down 8 percent from the \$30.5 million in 2002. The gross producer income, including home consumption, totaled \$28.2 million, down 8 percent from the \$30.6 million in 2002.